

**AMENDMENT**

Kindly amend the application, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows.

**In the Claims:**

1-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Withdrawn) A method of preparing the topical formulation of claim 1 comprising the steps of:

- (a) powderizing *Cavalia gladiata* or *Biota orientalis*,
- (b) heat-extracting obtained powder in at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of distilled water, methanol, ethanol, propanol, butanol, glycerol, propyleneglycol, 1,3-butylene glycol, methyl acetate, ethyl acetate, benzene, hexane, diethyl ether and dicholoromethane,
- (c) filtering obtained extract, and
- (d) concentrating and freeze drying the resultant under reduced pressure.

6-12. (Canceled)

13. (Withdrawn) A method of preparing the topical formulation of claim 3 comprising the steps of:

- (a) powderizing at least two from the group consisting of *Cavalia gladiata*, *Biota orientalis*, and *Coptis chinensis*;
- (b) heat-extracting obtained powder in at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of distilled water, methanol, ethanol, propanol, butanol, glycerol, propyleneglycol, 1,3-butylene glycol, methyl acetate, ethyl acetate, benzene, hexane, diethyl ether and dicholoromethane;
- (c) filtering obtained extract, and
- (d) concentrating and freeze drying the resultant under reduced pressure.

14. (Withdrawn) A method of preparing the topical formulation of claim 4 comprising the steps of:

- (a) powderizing *Cavalia gladiata*, *Biota orientalis*, and *Coptis chinensis*;
- (b) heat-extracting obtained powder in at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of distilled water, methanol, ethanol, propanol, butanol, glycerol, propyleneglycol, 1,3-butylene glycol, methyl acetate, ethyl acetate, benzene, hexane, diethyl ether and dicholoromethane;
- (c) filtering obtained extract, and
- (d) concentrating and freeze drying the resultant under reduced pressure.

15. (Previously presented) A method for treating acne, comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment a topical formulation which comprises extract obtained from one oriental medicine selected from the group consisting of *Canavalia gladiata* and *Biota orientalis*.

16. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein said extract obtained from said oriental medicine is contained in said topical formulation in an amount of from 0.001 to 20.0 wt%.

17. (Previously presented) A method for treating acne, comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment a topical formulation comprising extract obtained from two different kinds of oriental medicine, wherein said extract comprises 0.01-10 wt% of *Cavalia gladiata* and 0.01-10 wt% of *Biota orientalis*; 0.01-10 wt% of *Cavalia gladiata* and 0.001-5 wt% of *Coptis chinensis*; or 0.01-10 wt% of *Biota orientalis* and 0.001-5 wt% of *Coptis chinensis*.

18. (Previously presented) A method for treating acne, comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment a topical formulation comprising extract obtained from three different kinds of oriental medicine, wherein said extract comprises 0.01-10 wt% of *Cavalia gladiata* and 0.01-10 wt% of *Biota orientalis* and 0.001-5 wt% of *Coptis chinensis*.

19. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 16, wherein said formulation is in the form of emulsion, gel, pack, cosmetic liquid or soap for cosmetics, ointments or patches for pharmaceuticals.

20. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein said formulation is in the form of emulsion, gel, pack, cosmetic liquid or soap for cosmetics, ointments or patches for pharmaceuticals.

21. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein said formulation is in the form of emulsion, gel, pack, cosmetic liquid or soap for cosmetics, ointments or patches for pharmaceuticals.

22. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein administration of said topical formulation induces an inhibitory effect on  $5\alpha$ -reductase, an antimicrobial activity against acne pathogen, an inhibitory activity to hypercornification, an alleviative effect on comedo, or a combination thereof.